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The Gathering of the Clan

The Clan Frazer gathering was held at the home of J. Moss Frazer Pitlochry, on July 3rd. Seventy-five members sat down to lunch at one o'clock, after which was a lengthy toast list. Greetings were read from the American cousins. A short sketch of Clan history was given by H. A. Frazer, in which was shown their readiness always to help defend home and country in the present conflict they are represented by nine boys and one girl. The gathering dispersed on the arrival of the train from the east.—Hamiota Echo.

Mr. A. M. Frazer, who attended this re-union with his daughter, Miss I. Frazer, had the honor of being the oldest member present.

I.O.D.E. Notes

The regular semi-monthly Knitting Tea will be held at the home of Mrs. G.F.S. Allinson on Wednesday afternoon, July 25th. The hostesses will be Mesdames McCarriston and Allinson.

Thanks to the splendid efforts of the young ladies of Elkhorn under the able convenership of Miss H. Hume, the generous sum of $114.10 was realized for the French Red Cross on Tag Day Saturday last.

The regular monthly meeting of the Washakada Chapter will be postponed from the 4th Tuesday to the 5th Tuesday, July 31st at 3.30 p.m. in the Masonic Temple. All members are urgently requested to attend in order to make arrangements for the Annual I. O. D. E. Garden Party to be held Tuesday, August 14th.

Two Special Diplomas

The secretary of the Elkhorn Agricultural Society has received the following notification from the Department of Agriculture which should prove of interest to exhibitors at the coming Fair:

"To encourage the members of Agricultural Societies to bring out their best exhibits, the Manitoba Department of Agriculture has had a beautiful 19 ins. x 24 ins. lithographed diploma prepared. Two of these diplomas will be awarded each year in connection with the summer fair—one for the exhibitor securing the highest number of points in Live Stock, and the other for Home Economic exhibits. One will be awarded at the Provincial Plowing Match, and one at the Provincial Seed Grain Fair".

Leaflets containing the conditions and basis of awards can be obtained from the secretary. These diplomas are something worth striving for and as the aim of the Department is to encourage individual exhibitors to bring out their best there should be a noticable increase in the number of entries in all classes affected. You dont have to be a first prize winner to get the diploma.— It is the aggregate that counts, and the man with the greatest number of entries stands the best chance of winning the trophy.

PROTECT YOUR CROPS

"Hail Anxiety" Can be Alleviated by Insurance Route

Although Prospects are at present Fair, the ultimate result is not assured and "Safety First" is necessary

The atmosphere is tense with anxiety these days. Every community is affected by this state of of unrest, and we are by no means exempt. Each morning the daily papers are eagerly scanned for the latest war news and in this search the casualty lists bear a prominent and often sorrowful part. But war alone is not responsible for this feeling, there are other causes the chief of which at the present time is the dread of hail. This is a condition which should be classified by itself because, although the danger cannot be averted, protection from the after results can easily be secured. One litte word is all the explanation necessary—INSURE And yet how many of our farmers still regard hail insurance, if they ever consider it at all, with absolute disdain. Will they ever realise that protection to the individual mean protection to the community. That if a certain amount of capital and labor is invested in a growing crop, that investment is entitled to as much legitimate protection as are buildings and their contents. That hail insurance is not a fad but should be recognized and carried as part of the annual expenditure. What right has a man to expect sympathy or credit from others when he neglects to protect himself? A man's method of doing business has often more to do with his commercial standing than his bank account. It's not what we have, but how we acquired and are handling it, on which the decision turns when more capital is required and we have to seek the assistance of a financial corporation. Little use of the application unless the insurance is in order. The indifference, or neglect to take out hail insurance is often caused by a misunderstanding, for which the mutual Hail Companies of fifteen and twenty years ago are partly to blame. It cannot be made too clear that this impression is entirely false, and that the payment of a claim for hail damage, on any of the companies represented by our local agents, is settled just as promptly as would be one for fire. The fast approaching black and ominous cloud gives no uneasiness to the man whose desk contains a hail insurance policy. His grain may be destroyed and his expectations dispelled but there is great consolation in the knowledge that he has prepared for just such an emergency and can still carry on.

The exceptionally high price of all kinds of grain is another and strong reason for hail insurance this year, and every acre should be covered. Covered does not necessarily mean insured to the full extent but sufficient to protect the owner from anything like a total loss. This is the danger period, there should be no delay. If you are unable to get to town phone any of the agents whose names appear in the Mercury and they will come out and take your application.

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One of the 22 Attractions

In presenting the Comus Players in "Carson of the North Woods" at Chautauqua, a sincere effort is made to insure patrons a realization of the highest traditions of the drama at its best. "Carson of the North Woods" is therefore a bold departure from the usual run of problem plays with which the public has been surfeited. Here's just a clean story of strong dramatic interest and appeal which shows with charming simplicity the power of love as a regenerative force.

The setting of the play is in the North Woods in that quaint country around Quebec. There are really two distinct stories interwoven in the play. One is the story of the brilliant but almost atheistic young lawyer who is led through the darkness to the dawn by the tender and Christian solicitude of Marie La Belle, one of the most bewitching and lovable creations of the stage. The other story has comedy for its keynote. It is a droll characterization of the unsophisticated rector Baptiste's fickleness in his earthly affections. His elastic heart bounds back and forth between his attractions for Marie La Belle and a rather worldly widow, generous alike in her disposition and avoirdupois.

It will be found that both the comedy and the pathos of "Carson of the North Woods" are irresistible and that Miss Janet Young as the heroine and Moron Olsen as her father leave nothing to be desired as the central charcters of the play. The balance of the characters afford the leads excellent support.

This is only one of twenty-two big attractions secured for Virden Chautauqua week, july 24th to 30th. Secure season tickets if possible.

Elkhorn Council

Council met in the Council Room on Tuesday, July 3rd, the Mayor presiding and all councillors present.

Minutes of last meeting were read, and adopted on motion of Davey—Webster.

The committee on Honor Roll reported progress.

Communications received from C Shepherd, re stray cattle and from Municipal News, re subscription.

Carscadden—Davey — That the complaint of C. Shepherd be handed to constable to investigate and if necessary take action.—C.

Webster—Carscadden—That the name of C. W. Crosby be submitted to the Department of Emigration and Colinization, to act with that department in supplying harvest labor for this district.—C.

Davey—Carscadden — That we subscribe for 6 copies of the Municipal News for the balance of the year.—C.

The Finance committee passed accounts amounting to $66, the same were ordered to be paid, on motion of Crosby—Davey.

Reports were received from the Health Officer, and the chairmen of the Park and Cemetery, and Public Works committees.

The chairman of the latter was instructed to go on with the work as outlined.

By-law No. received its first reading and was referred to committee.

Messrs Axelson and Kline were present and introduced the matter of an electric light system. Mr Kline was asked to submit a more detailed scheme and promised the careful consideration of the Board.

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CHAPTER III.

To Right the Wrong

"I thought you would never come!" Directly the butler flung open the bedroom door at the Manor House, the petulant, tired voice reached Dr. Thornton's ears, and long before the doctor reached the beside of his new patient the words were repeated. "I thought you would never come."

"I am sorry," he answered, his quiet tones seeming to bring a sense of rest into the troubled atmosphere. "I was actually on my way here when I was delayed by a railway accident, a very serious accident and——

"Never mind about that. I don't care to hear about railway accidents or anything else," the tired, petulant voice replied; "give me something to keep me alive until I can do—ah! my God——" the sentence broke off abruptly, the speaker's face was contorted with pain; his whole body writhed and quivered; he flung out his hands in an anguish of appeal.

When he first came into the room Guy's observant eyes had seen signs around him of singular and striking luxury. There was something lavish, something almost barbaric, in the silk hung walls, the silken curtains and bed hangings, the richly-colored carpet into which his feet sank, the costly furniture, and the softly-shaded electric light. The sick man writhing in agony was a terrible contrast to all the luxury about him. He was a middle-aged man, his pinched face and scanty grey hair making him appear older than he actually was; but Guy noticed that even the pain he was enduring could not wholly dim the shrewdness of his eyes, or hide the masterful set of his jaw and chin.

Vague rumors about John Marstead, the millionaire, who had bought the old Manor House on the far side of the downs, had reached Thornton's ears, as they had reached all Lonsbury, and when the doctor had received the peremptory summons to go at once to Mr. Marstead he had experienced a pleasurable excitement. Any medical man might be excused for feeling pleasantly excited when summoned to a millionaire's sick bed; and Guy Thornton was not above such feelings!

The house to which he had come lay some distance beyond the white dwelling called the Wilderness, where he had left the dying woman to Leslie Farrant's charge, and by the time he drew up at the door of the Manor the night was already far advanced. In the darkness he had little opportunity of seeing anything of the park through which he drove—dark bells of trees and wide stretches of grass were all he could distinguish; but the magnificance of the hall and staircase by which he passed to the sick room had fully borne out all those rumors which had reached Lonsbury of the great wealth of Mr. Marstead and the extraordinary luxury of his dwelling.

Yet, Thornton was filled with a sense of the futility of all the magnificance of the surroundings, as he stood beside the sick man, using every resource which science and skill could suggest for the assuaging of the patient's sufferings. Despite his millions, the dying man was suffering as acutely as the veriest beggar in the land; the gorgeous room, the luxurious furniture, the costliness and beauty could do nothing for him now. All the wealth which this rich man owned could not keep away the dread visitor whose steps were already on the threshold of the door; all the heaped up wealth had not helped him to ward off the dire disease which was sapping his life away. Nay more than that. The wealth had not even been able to give John Marstead happiness, so Thornton's reflections ran on, when, after a few moments, the pain was momentarily conquered and the patient lay panting among the pillows, the anguished expression gone for a little while from his face.

But even so, it was not the face of a satisfied man, the dark eyes that turned towards the doctor held an expression of misery, or of unrest, Thornton could not determine which. And though the lines round Marstead's mouth were strong ones, they were bitter and weary. The whole face spoke of haunting uneasiness.

"I must do it now," he panted, "before the pain comes back—when it comes—the end will come too. Hold me up—give me paper—and pen—Geoffrey—fetch them quickly." Only at that instant did Thornton realize the presence of a third person in the room, for when Marstead's voice ceased a boy emerged from the shadows on the far side of the bed, a boy of perhaps eighteen years, upon whose heavy, rather sullen face rested a strangely mingled look of grief and embarrassment. In one hand he held a blotting book in the other a stylograph pen, and he brought both to the bedside, spreading a sheet of paper before the sick man, and putting the pen into his hand.

"Would you like Dansmere sent for father?" he was beginning, but Marstead interrupted him sharply.

"Dansmere! You talk like a fool. Before Dansmere could get here I shall be dead. I wanted a doctor to keep off the pain for me, that I might think clearly—think clearly." His voice dropped for a moment into incoherent mutterings, then rose into intelligent speech. "I cannot die without setting things right," he said, his voice stronger than it had yet been, his eyes fixed on Thornton's face with a curiously magnetic look which gave the doctor a sudden sense of what this man's power must have been, what, indeed, it still was. "I tell you I can't die in comfort until I have righted the wrong."

"What wrong?" The words were jerked out abruptly by the heavy faced boy, whose expression now was one of profound amazement.

"The money was hers," the man in the bed said slowly. "You must find her, you must find her, and her children, and her children's children if there are any; I have defrauded them all. Give them their rights! Do you understand? Give them their rights."

"Who are they? I don't understand," the boy began, but the sick man frowned impatiently and Geoffrey, fallen silent, looked mutely on whilst his father tried but tried in vain, to write something upon the paper laid before him. The pen dropped at last from his nerveless fingers and once again he was wracked by a spasm of pain.

"Geoffrey," he cried out, his agonized eyes lifted to his son's face, "I can't write, my God, I can't write—but promise—for God's sake, promise me you will right the wrong for me. Promise."

"I'll promise anything you like, father," the boy spoke with hurried awkwardness, "but I can't understand. Isn't the money ours? Who does it really belong to? Try to explain; I can't make it out."

"She must have it, it belongs to her—and hers! Find Delicia; set right the wrong I did her. My fortune has all been built on the money she lent me, and the fortune is built up on her foundation; Delicia—Donaldson—find her, her picture, the bureau—promise."

Out of the incoherence of the last sentence that final word emerged, very loudly, very clearly; and the boy stooped over the bed, his blue eyes meeting fully the agonized eyes of the dying man.

"I promise, father," he said. "I will find Delicia Donaldson. I promise you faithfully I will right the wrong."

(To Be Continued.)

No Teuton Prince for Dutch

Accident to Queen Starts Move to Settle Question of Succession

One consequence of the train accident in which Queen Wilhelmina had a narrow escape from death will be the passing of a bill settling the question of the succession to the throne of Holland. This is extremely complicated owing to the net of family ties which the reigning family has, especially in Germany. Were Wilhelmina to die before her daughter Juliana, who is now 8 years of age, the question of a regency would become acute, with the result that the next of kin would come to the throne at least temporarily. The next of kin is a prince of Reuss.

Netherlanders do not want a German prince to rule them even temporarily, nor do they want to be caught asleep by an event which every one hopes is far off, but as was proved by yesterday's accident—may come at any time. German newspapers, referring to the efforts of the Dutch to settle the matter for themselves, reproach Holland with being careless in discussing and deciding the succession while the queen is still alive and in good health.

Queen Wilhelmina's behavior in the mishap was admirable. She alighted from the half overturned royal car and helped to bandage the wounded, cheering up everybody. Her calm courage endeared her still more to the Dutch people. Nevertheless, the newspapers are starting a campaign to reach an early settlement of a question so vital to Holland's future.

Nitrogen Acids in Rain

The composition of rainfall is of great interest from an agricultural standpoint, and has been the subject of many researches. The fact that the amount of nitric and nitrous acids in rain bears certain relations to the prevailing weather conditions was shown not long ago in a paper read before the Chemical Society at Melbourne, Australia, and an outgrowth of this paper was the inauguration of systematic observations at 16 stations well distributed over Australia, under the auspices of the British association. Each observer is provided with a glass rain-collecting gauge, and a set of specially prepared stoppered bottles, in which samples of rain water are forwarded to Melbourne for examination. The analysis of these samples will be correlated with meterological data collected by the Commonwealth Meterological Bureau.

A Stupendous Feat of Arms

The capture of the Vimy Ridge alone marks the Arras battle as a victory in the fullest sense of the term. For the seizure of the famous ridge was a stupendous feat of arms, and the Canadians, who won their way to the topmost point, and who alone are singled out for mention amongst the many units engaged in the combat, deserve all the congratulations they have received from the King and Sir Robert Borden.—London Daily Telegraph.

"What is war?"

"We all know the definition," replied the diplomat. "But if you want to be polite and scholarly you might say that war is a series of overt acts definitely resented."

Lignite May Solve The Fuel Problem

Briquettes Can Be Made at Two-Thirds Cost of Coal

Professor Ruttan, of the Canadian Advisory Council of Scientific Research claims that the problem of utilizing the vast deposits of lignite coal in Saskatchewan as a source of fuel for Western Canada had practically been solved. As the results of the efforts which had been made by the Research Council, a process had been found which would successfully convert those present lignite deposits into briquette form for fuel purposes at a cost equal to two-thirds of that now paid on the prairies for anthracite coal. "Pound for pound, these briquettes will contain as much heat power as anthracite coal," Professor Ruttan declared.

The professor also stated that the Dominion government had been advised by the Research Council to accept the process and establish a plant as soon as possible in Saskatchewan to commence operations. The cost of such a plant would be some $400,000, and the output would amount to 200 tons per day. It was suggested by Professor Ruttan that the size of the initial expenditure might cause the government to hesitate in undertaking it immediately. The announcement regarding the utilization of the lignite beds in the West, however, was received so enthusiastically that T. R. Deacon, of Winnipeg, declared that in one afternoon in Winnipeg he would guarantee to find the required $400,000 with which to promote such a valuable enterprise. "We should ask the government," said he, "for two million dollars to carry on this scientific work. What is a million dollars? One good idea cannot be valued in dollars and cents when the results of it are so inestimable."

When to Cut Alfalfa

When the new shoots of alfalfa at the crown of the plant are from one to two inches high the crop is ready to be cut for hay, is the advice given by specialists of the Ohio Agricultural Experimental Station. The common rule that the crop must not be cut until a tenth in bloom does not always hold, these experts claim, for often the small shoots at the base of the plant get so large before this period of bloom that they are injured at harvest.

All roads that lead to Easy street need paving.

Kernesky

New Minister of War the Man of the Hour in Russia

It would not be wide of the mark to say that Alexander Kernesky, Minister of War, is the man of the hour in Russia. A study of his career, however, would disappoint those who look for a dictator. Kerensky is not the stuff of which dictators are made. He has always been for the under dog. His clients at the bar were the poor and persecuted. He fought for the Jews, which is not a popular thing to do in Russia. Workmen and peasants thrown to prison for "unlawful assembling" found in him a fearless and eloquent advocate.

When thirty years of age (he is now thirty-five) Alexander Kerensky represented the workmen of the River Lena strike, in which some sixty workmen were shot down by the police. Later he assisted the defence of Mendel Beiliss, charged at Kiev with ritual murder, and was one of a group of lawyers sentenced to imprisonment for protesting in a "round robin" against the methods of the prosecution. But the Imperial government dared not deprive those courageous protestants of their liberty. The following year Kerensky was elected to the Duma to represent Socialist Labor. He distinguished himself by exposing corruption in the government, and after Russia entered the war assailed pro-German influences and denounced grafting officials in and out of the military service.

Kernesky it was who, rising in his place, resisted the dissolution of the Duma by the Czar when the clouds of revolution were gathering. "We will not go, we stay here," said the defender of the people. Appointed Minister of Justice in the provisional government, he lost no time in releasing political prisoners in Siberia.—New York Sun.

"Has Crimson Gulch quit drinking?"

"Yes," replied Broncho Bob. "And playing faro bank?"

"Quit, entirely."

"What do you do for amusement?"

"Go to moving pictures and laugh at the reckless way they think we Wild West fellers behave."

"I can always tell when my husband is going to be close with his money."

"How?"

"By his far-away look when I ask him for some."

And the Band Played On

An Amusing Incident That Happened Before the War

Mr. Lloyd George joined heartily in the singing of "My Country 'Tis of Thee" at the luncheon of the American Luncheon Club. It was not difficult for him to do so, for the tune is that of our own National Anthem. It is also that of the Prussian national anthem, and this fact was responsible for a laughable contretemps at Potsdam some years before the war broke out. Sir Edward Lascelles, then British ambassador to Germany, was invited to lunch with the kaiser at the palace on King Edward's birthday in 1904, and His Majesty gave orders that when his guest left the band was to play "God Save the King" so long as His Excellency's carriage remained in sight. But the ambassador, thinking the band was greeting the kaiser with "Heil dir im Siegerkranz," stood up in his carriage and told the coachman not to start until the band stopped. The bandsmen, faithful to their orders continued to play, and the familiar tune was played several times over before the kaiser, grasping the situation, stopped the music. Whereupon Sir Frank Lascelles sat down, and the carriage proceeded to the station.—London Daily News.

The German Time-Table

On February 1 it was announced that Britain would be brought to her knees in three months. The Germans have always had some timetable of that kind, and invariably something has gone wrong with the time-table.

The enemy could bring America into the war. He cannot starve us out of it. He can happily compel us to cultivate and economize and revise and re-organize to still better and better purpose than he thought possible. He can rouse America like British energy and invention, to the very utmost. He can prolong the war, quite contrary to his desperate intention to shorten it. He can inspire the Allies in Europe with a shrewder and more patient tenacity. But he cannot deprive our machines of essential material any more than our people of food, or prevent the Allies and America from accumulating the military force which will settle the war.—From the London Observer.

Many a man would be glad of an opportunity to pose as a retired captain of industry on half pay.

Sniper Killed Old Tex. Jones

American Adventurer Took One Chance Too Many at Vimy Ridge

Old Tex Jones, gray-haired, leather-faced, hailing originally from Oak Cliff, Dallas, Texas, has been killed at last. Shot through the heart by a German sniper, Tex fell forward at a tunnel entrance near Vimy Ridge.

That bulletin dropped the curtain on the most picturesque career of the entire American Legion—made up mainly of American professional soldiers. A major of the legion brought back an account of Tex's finish to London.

"He took too many chances," the American said; "he never seemed to learn this war was nothing like the wars he'd served in before in twelve years in the American army and elsewhere. One day a sergeant sent Tex up to dump a pail of slops in No Man's Land. We'd been slinging the bucket over and yanking it back with a rope. But Tex didn't. One second after he stood up openly to throw the pail over, a German sniper's rifle cracked and it was all over."

One day last fall old Tex sat on the edge of the platform at a station in England and told all about himself. A younger Tommy, Fred Millen, of Duluth, was with him. Tex had cooked with cow outfits in Texas, had done a little ructioning along the border and been through the Boxer campaign with the American army. He returned to Dallas after this, but didn't stay. He took a claim up in Canada, and when the war broke out Tex jumped in.

He reckoned he'd like to go back to Dallas after the war and maybe settle down. But Tex didn't figure on the sniper's bullet.—New York Evening Sun.

The German-Made War

"The German government is entirely responsible for the war. It must carry its responsibility like a cross, and expiation will be long. At the present time, even those who are demanding peace at any price repeat that Germany was attacked, that she is waging a war of defence. That is false. Germany, led by unworthy chiefs, premeditated the war. Germany attacked after having deliberately calculated its blow. There is no truth beyond that. No argument will ever make doubtful this primordial truth."—From an interview with the German Author of "J'Accuse."

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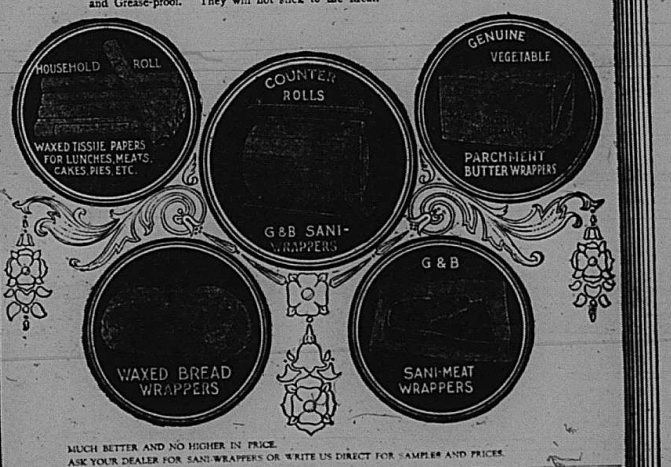

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Rheims Cathedral To Be a Monument

Battle-torn Edifice Will Remain Pantheon for Unknown Victims

Conversion of the battle-torn Cathedral at Reims into a pantheon for the unknown dead of all the armies fighting in France for the common cause of democracy has been determined upon by the French government. The plan, to be put into execution as soon as the war is over, has been announced in dispatches to the headquarters in America of the French restoration fund. It is proposed that the cathedral shall not be restored but that representatives of all the Allies shall place their battle flags within what remains of the historic edifice, which then shall be dedicated as the monument to the heroic dead.

It Will Cure a Cold.—Colds are the commonest ailments of mankind and if neglected may lead to serious conditions. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil will relieve the bronchial passages of inflammation speedily and thoroughly and will strengthen them against subsequent attack. And as it eases the inflammation it will stop the cough because it allays all irritation in the throat. Try it and prove it.

Lloyd George's French

Mr. Lloyd George's frequent visits to France have resulted in the steady improvement of his French, which he now speaks with considerable fluency. It is a little remarkable, by the way, that President Wilson, an ex-professor and a man of wide culture, was attended by an interpreter during his interview with Marshal Joffre. There is less need for an American to learn modern languages than there is for an Englishman. The common Anglo-Saxon ignorance of any tongue but English is, however, a limitation of which both in commerce and diplomacy the German has taken full advantage.—London Daily Express.

Why suffer from corns when they can be painlessly rooted out by using Holloway's Corn Cure.

The Crown Prince's Birthday

The crown prince is now 36 years old, and he probably knows a good deal more than he did three years ago, if he would admit it. At that time the system of the crown prince was full of the notions of German superiority and divine partnership. Now he is wondering if the old throne will last long enough for him to mount it. With his army busying itself with strategic retreats, the crown prince has little time to celebrate his natal day, but he may have paused for a moment to wonder how the world will be looking to him on his next birthday.—Rochester Herald.

Praiseworthy Effort

"I'm doing my best to get ahead," assented Cholly.

"Well, heaven knows you need one," asserted Dolly.

"I wrote this poem to 'kill time.'"

"Well, you may be sure that time will have revenge and kill the poem."

WOMAN NOW IN PERFECT HEALTH

What Came From Reading a Pinkham Advertisement.

Paterson, N. J.—"I thank you for the Lydia E. Pinkham remedies as they have made me well and healthy. Sometime ago I felt so run down, had pains in my back and side, was very irregular, tired, nervous, had such bad dreams, did not feel like eating and had short breath. I read your advertisement in the newspapers and decided to try a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It worked from the first bottle, so I took a second and a third, also a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Blood Purifier, and now I am just as well as any other woman. I advise every woman, single or married, who is troubled with any of the aforesaid ailments, to try your wonderful Vegetable Compound and Blood Purifier and I am sure they will help her to get rid of her troubles as they did me."—Mrs. Elsie J. Van der Sande, 36 No. York St., Paterson, N. J.

*Write the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., (confidential) Lynn, Mass, if you need special advice.

An Increase of Settlers

Over 2,000 More This Year As Compared With May, 1916

The returns from the ports of entry, received by Boundary Inspector L. L. Kramer for the month of May show a wonderful increase in the number of Americans who have crossed into Canada through the western ports of entry between Emerson and Coutts. They indicate two thousand or more settlers entered the three western provinces during the month of May this year than in May, 1916. There was nearly double the number of cars of effects, and the total wealth of the incoming people is over three times that of the month of May last year, being $645,171.

The figures, for May, 1916, were: Settlers, 887; cars of effects, 52; value of effects $100,617; wealth of settlers, $209,580. The figures for the month of May this year are: Settlers, 2,891; cars of effects, 91; value of effects, $128,430 and wealth of settlers, $645,171.

The three principal ports of entry are Emerson, Manitoba, North Portal, Saskatchewan and Coutts, Alta. The figures for these ports are: Emerson, settlers 1,607; cars of effects 26; value of effects $39,000; wealth of settlers $137,944. North Portal: Settlers 611; cars of effects 34; value of effects $47,630; and wealth of settlers $147,494. Coutts: Settlers 418; cars of effects 25; value of effects $34,590; wealth of settlers $334,210.

The class of settlers coming into the west is the farming class and most of the heads of families who crossed during the month of May came to Canada for the express purpose of settling on western farm lands. A large amount of stock is being brought over so that the farmers can start right at their work as soon as their shacks are built.

LITTLE WORRIES IN THE HOME

These Bring the Wrinkles and Pallid Faces That Make Women Look Prematurely Old

Almost every woman at the head of a home meets daily many little worries in her household affairs. The care of her little ones, the work about the house all contribute to these worries. Most of them may be too small to notice an hour afterwards, but they constitute a constant strain that affects the blood and the nerves and make women look prematurely old. The effect of these little worries may be noticed in sick or nervous headaches, fickle appetite, tiredness after slight exertion and the coming of wrinkles which every woman dreads. To those thus afflicted Dr. Williams' Pink Pills offer a speedy cure; a restoration of color to the cheeks, brightness to the eye, a hearty appetite and a sense of freedom from weariness. Among the many thousands of Canadian men who have found new health and strength through these pills is Mrs. G. Strasser, Acton, West, Ont., who says:—"I am the mother of three children and after each birth I became terribly run down. I had weak, thin, blood, always felt tired, and unable to do my household work. After the birth of my third child I seemed to be worse and was very badly run down. I found the greatest benefit from the Pills and soon gained my old time strength. Indeed after taking them I felt as well as in my girlhood, and could take pleasure in my work. I also used Baby's Own Tablets for my little ones and have found them a splendid medicine for childhood ailments."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all dealers in medicine, or you can procure them by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Freak Inventions

Crazy Patchwork of Ideas That Have Been Patented

Among the inventions that one wonders who could be so mad as to wish to initiate, yet that men have actually gone to the trouble to patent is a tornado-proof house. This is built on a pivot and every breeze turns it with its head to the wind.

Among others of these freak inventions, is a "pedal clothes-drier," with which one may blow on one's toes, as one does on one's fingers to warm them. It is a tube worn under the clothes with a branch leading to each foot and a mouthpiece at the top. Then there is a polisher for false teeth—merely the end of a corncob stuck on a stick, a sanitary ticket for carrying chewing gum; a wooden bit for preventing snoring, a noiseless alarm clock that wakes the sleeper's arm instead of ringing, another that starts a mechanism which throws buckwheat on a machine for counting eggs as they are laid and a medicated nest-egg.

Others are a device to be attached to locomotives which, when train robbers attack them, will squirt live steam in their faces, an apparatus for throwing cayenne pepper in the eyes of burglars; a hood which, when placed over a chicken's head, prevents it from seeing upward, and thereby insures its not flying over the fence; goggles for chickens to prevent them from having their eyes pecked out, and an automatic hat-taker-off. This has springs and levers inside the crown of the hat arranged so that if the wearer should have his hands full when he meets a lady he has but to bend his head forward, when the hat will take itself off with a polite sweep, returning to the head when its wearer moves his head backward.

"John, dear, I want one hundred and twenty-five dollars to invest in stocks."

"Stocks in what?"

"In the Mlle. Marie Millinery Company. They give the most adorable hat with every share of stock."

Isn't This True?

When you "feel mean"—dull, tired, nervous, bad digestion, no appetite—

Don't you find out, afterwards, that your bowels were *not* acting freely and naturally?

Due, of course, to a liver gone on a strike.

Take two or three pills—once. After that, only one, until your're all right.

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Colorless faces often show the absence of Iron in the blood.

CARTER'S IRON PILLS will help this condition.

Irish at the Front

The most encouraging things one hears about the Irish question in these times comes from the fighting front. A friend of mine wrote me the other day that if it could only be referred to a mass meeting of the Irish regiments, north and south, he firmly believed it would be settled in a few hours. From the beginning of the war till now there has been the best feeling between Nationalists and Ulstermen, and the fact that they are both Irish is a bond against all-comers. I have heard both Nationalists and Ulstermen say that if their own drafts failed them they would far rather be recruited from each other than take English recruits. A little of this spirit is wanted in Ireland.—Westminster Gazette.

LIFT YOUR CORNS OFF WITH FINGERS

How to loosen a tender corn or callus so it lifts out without pain

Let folks step on your feet henceforth, wear shoes a size smaller if you like, for corns will never again send electric sparks of pain through you, according to this Cincinnati authority.

He says that a few drops of a drug called freezone, applied directly upon a tender, aching corn, instantly relieves soreness, and soon the entire corn, root and all, lifts right out.

This drug dries at once and simply shrivels up the corn or callus without even irritating the surrounding tissue.

A small bottle of freezone obtained at any drug store will cost very little but will positively remove every hard or soft corn or callus from one's feet.

If your druggist hasn't stocked this new drug yet, tell him to get a small bottle of freezone for you from his wholesale drug house.

He Might Be, But She Wasn't

Dinah had been troubled with a toothache for some time before she got up enough courage to go to a dentist. The moment he touched her tooth she screamed.

"What are you making such a noise for?" he demanded. "Don't you know I'm a 'painless dentist'?"

"Well, sah," retorted Dinah, "Meb-be you's painless, but Ah isn't—Ladies Home Journal.

A Pill That Lightens Life.—To the man who is a victim of indigestion the transaction of business becomes an added misery. He cannot concentrate his mind upon his tasks and loss and vexation attend him. To such a man, Parmelee's Vegetable Pills offer relief. A course of treatment, according to directions, will convince him of their great excellence. They are confidently recommended because they will do all that is claimed for them.

No Fear of Food Overproduction

It is folly to talk of the overproduction of foodstuff this year. To suggest it is mischievous. Anything that tends to discourage farmers from raising every acre possible or chill the zeal of home gardeners will reduce the supply next winter and make certain higher prices.

The country has been aroused by the knowledge of world-wide shortage, and this condition would not be changed if peace were declared tomorrow.—New York World.

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows.

Hubby—Well, since it takes two to make a quarrel, I'll shut up.

Wifey—Isn't that just like a contemptible man. You'll sit there and think mean things.

"Everything is going up."

"Yes," said the poet. "Yesterday a literary lady offered me a nickel for my thoughts."

The Preacher Spy

Bavarian Missionary in India Arrested as a Spy

A clever but most unscrupulous spy has just been run to earth in Lahore, India. Of Bavarian birth, he was allowed to remain in India after the order of the Viceroy banishing German missionaries from the country had been passed, on the ground of his good record, English wife and the bonds of a silk merchant of well-known repute.

Unable to carry on his mission he obtained permission to travel throughout India as a supply to mission stations somewhat depleted of preachers, owing to the demands of the war for chaplains and medical assistants.

The Bavarian preacher was generally well received. At one station, however, the detective who, unknown to the missionary, followed him, observed present at the afternoon service he held in one small place a group of men who were quite unknown to the locality. They had been in the vicinity of the mission for days, apparently awaiting the arrival of the preacher. The detective, at the conclusion of the service, shadowed the strangers, and traced them to a disused mosque. He at once rode into town, procured sufficient force, and in due time had the place surrounded, and the occupants captured.

At first they threatened to use guns, but were overpowered, and when the detective was directing affairs he observed that one of the men was over-turbanned. He tore it from his head and there, standing unabashed, was the preacher whose text that afternoon was "The way of transgressor is hard."

At the time the report of his capture had been published the authorities had not decided what should be done with the preacher spy, the inference being that he has confederates, whom it is desirable should be located.

Incriminating documents were found in the mosque, including some German pamphlets on the progress of the war in Galicia and the gradual destruction of the East Coast of England.

$100 Reward, $100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Cure that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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"Every man should know something about firearms."

"Yes," replied Farmer Cornstossel, "But he oughtn't to neglect other things. I've just took my boy Josh's shotgun away from him an' told him to keep busy with the hoe."

"Anything on this evening, old man?"

"Rather! Until bedtime."

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Although this sterling remedy is well-known to the majority of the people, yet to those who have not put it to the test, the proprietors will gladly send a free sample on receipt of five cents to cover cost of mailing and packing. In writing for the free sample, address correspondence to Harold F. Ritchie & Co., Ltd., 10 McCaul street, Toronto.

Dr. Cassell's Tablets are most highly recommended in the treatment of Dyspepsia, Kidney Trouble, Sleeplessness, Anaemia, Nervous Ailments, Nerve Paralysis, Palpitation and weakness in children. The reader who may be suffering can not do better than write at once to the above address and secure a generous sample package of this remedy entirely without cost.

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"British Optimism"

Mr. Lloyd George does not conceal the truth about the horrors of war nor ignore the risks to life run, but he deals with them in a major, not a minor key. He does not lessen their impressiveness, by the display of personal emotion which would appear effeminate in connection with such mighty events. He has thus created in his country a sort of optimism both noble and practical, that British optimism which has borne such splendid fruit in this extraordinary war.—Le Figaro, Paris.

"I haven't had a bite for two days," whined the tramp.

"Neither have I," responded the summer boarder. "Rotten fishing around here."

"The worst part of being a bachelor is that when I die my name dies with me."

"What is your name?"

"Smith."

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Bystander—You have certainly shown great bravery in saving that man's life. Is he a relative of yours?

Hero—Relative? Oh, no. But he owes me $200.

It is surprising how little people know when on the witness stand.

THE MERCHANTS BANK OF CANADA

—Statement of Liabilities and Assets at 30th April, 1917.

LIABILITIES

1. To the Shareholders

Capital Stock paid in	$ 7,000,000.00
Rest or Reserve Fund	7,000,000.00
Dividends declared and unpaid	178,865.00
Balance of Profits as per Profit and Loss Account submitted herewith	421,292.96
	$14,599,657.96

2. To the Public

Notes of the Bank in Circulation	9,483,468.00
Deposits not bearing interest	27,101,587.86
Deposits bearing interest (including interest accrued to date of statement)	65,000,484.43
Balances due to other Banks in Canada	628,863.08
Balances due to Banks and banking correspondents in the United Kingdom and foreign countries	3,904,690.73
Bills payable	.....
Acceptances under letters of credit	411,806.78
Liabilities not included in the foregoing	.....
	$121,130,558.82

ASSETS

Current Coin	$ 4,706,488.82
Deposit in the Central Gold Reserves	3,500,000.00
Dominion Notes	7,650,790.00
Notes of other Banks	793,387.00
Cheques on other Banks	5,674,926.67
Balances due by other banks in Canada	2,635.83
Balances due by Banks and banking correspondents in the United Kingdom	61,225.79
Balances due by Banks and banking correspondents elsewhere than in Canada and the United Kingdom	2,413,100.10
Dominion and Provincial Government securities, not exceeding market value	3,862,607.19
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, not exceeding market value	3,904,251.24
Canadian Municipal securities, and British, Foreign and Colonial public securities, other than Canadian	11,263,196.20
Call Loans in Canada on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	4,627,843.37
Call Loans elsewhere than in Canada	3,461,430.47
	$52,041,924.88
Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less Rebate of Interest)	62,767,968.74
Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less Rebate of Interest)	277,582.42
Liabilities of customers under letters of credit as per contra	411,806.78
Real Estate other than bank premises	294,197.07
Overdue debts, estimated loss provided for	149,039.68
Bank Premises, at not more than cost less amounts written off	4,617,400.23
Deposit with the Minister for the purposes of the Circulation Fund	375,000.00
Other Assets not included in the foregoing	195,540.02
	$121,130,558.82

K. W. BLACKWELL, *Vice-President.* R. F. HEBDEN, *Managing Director.* D. C. MACAROW, *General Manager.*

Report of the Auditor to the Shareholders of The Merchants Bank of Canada

In accordance with the provisions of sub-Sections 19 and 20 of Section 56 of the Bank Act, I report to the Shareholders as follows:—

I have examined the above Balance Sheet with the Books of Account and other records of the Bank at the Chief Office and with the signed returns from branches and Agencies, and have found the same to agree therewith.

I have checked the cash and verified the securities of the Bank at the Chief Office against the entries in regard thereto in the books of the Bank as on 30th April, 1917, and at a different time during the year and found them to agree with such entries. I have also attended at one of the Branches of the Bank during the year and checked the cash and verified the securities held at the date of my attendance and found them to agree with the entries in the Books of the Bank with regard thereto.

I have obtained all the information and explanations I have required. In my opinion, the transactions of the Bank which have come under my notice have been within the powers of the Bank, and the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Bank's affairs according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me, and as shown by the books of the Bank.

VIVIAN MARCOURT, of Deloitte, Plender, Griffiths & Co., *Auditor.*

Montreal, 31st May, 1917.

NOBLE WORDS FROM LEADER TO TROOPS

How a British General Addresses His Heroes—Townshend of Chitral and Kut

Remarkable for its simple eloquence is a general order from General Townshend, famous as defender of Chitral and Kut-el-Amara, to his brave garrison in the latter siege. At the beginning of March depression crept into the camp; and it was justified before a week had passed by another communication from the General to all his men. Like its predecessor, it was commendably frank, and at the same time encouraging and stimulating. It ran as follows: Communique to the Troops—As on a former occasion, I take the troops of all ranks into my confidence again. Since the 5th of December you have spent three months of cruel uncertainty, and to all men and to all people uncertainty is intolerable. As I say, on the top of all this comes the second failure to relieve us.

"I Love My Command"

And I ask you to give a little sympathy to me also, who have commanded you in these battles referred to, who, having come to you as a stranger, now love my command with a depth of feeling I have never known in my life before. When I mention myself, I would also mention the names of the generals under me, whose names are distinguished in the army as leaders of men.

I am speaking to you as I did before, straight from the heart; and, as I say, ask your sympathy for my feelings, having promised you relief on certain dates on the promise of those ordered to relieve us. Not their fault, no doubt—do not think that I blame them. They are giving their lives freely and deserve our gratitude and admiration.

"You Are With Me"

But I want you to help me again as before. I have asked General Aylmer for the next attempt.

to bring such numbers as will break down all resistance and leave no doubt of the issue. In order to hold out I am killing a large number of horses, so as to reduce the quantity of grain eaten every day. I have had to reduce your rations. It is necessary to do this in order to keep our flag flying. I am determined to hold out and I know you are all with me in heart and soul. (Signed) Charles Townshend, Major-General, Commanding Garrison at Kut. Kut-el-Amara, 10th March, 1916.

HOT MEALS FOR GIRLS

Specimen Tariff For Canteens In English Munition Works

"Left to herself, a woman always lives upon cake," said Mr. Rowntree, head of the Welfare Department of the Ministry of Munitions. Mr. Rowntree was discussing the case of the munition factory, which has compelled their women workers to feed themselves properly by agreeing with them to provide the meals and to stop the cost off their wages.

"The Canteen Committee, under Sir George Newman," continued Mr. Rowntree, "is fully alive to the importance of giving the girls freshly cooked hot meals. A specimen tariff and weekly menu has been provided for the assistance of canteens." Breakfast, consisting of bacon and egg, cup of tea, coffee, or cocoa, and slice of bread and butter, is sometimes served at an inclusive price of 14c or 16c.

Dinner includes the following: Soup and bread, 6c; cut from the joint and two vegetables, 12c to 16c; steak and kidney pie or pudding, with two vegetables, 12c to 16c; liver and bacon, with two vegetables, 12c to 16c; sausage and mashed potatoes, 6c to 8c; Irish stew, hot pot, curried beef with rice or other made-up dish, 8c to 12c; cold meat and two vegetables, 10c to 14c; bread and cheese, 3c to 4c.

WORKING FOR OTHERS

Pioneers Have That Unique Honor—They "Consolidate"

W. Beach Thomas writes: The organisation, the consolidation of captured positions is first and foremost the handiwork of the pioneers. On one occasion—now ancient history—a group of pioneers who pushed up at night to dig trenches found the infantry so exhausted that many could not even talk consecutive sense. Utter weariness of this sort is of the essence of war, and the pioneers, whose weariness was rather less, used their spades all night and their guns a good part of the day. It is all in the day's work.

One company commander and his subaltern, whom I met after many days of work in No Man's Land, were insistent on this one fact: that anyway they had a much easier time than the infantry proper. They came and went. The infantry stayed. And it is that sort of magnanimity and admiration for others' work that is steadily making the present army one of the best in the world. By the nature of their job engineers and pioneers above others spend their time in doing work on behalf of others, and they live up to the standard of this enforced altruism.

Why Highlanders' Spats

Here is the origin of the Highlanders' spats: When the British forces, which were composed for the greater part of Highlanders, were under the leadership of Sir John Moore in Portugal in 1809, they were forced to retreat from Astorga to Corunna. During the famous retreat, which ended in the victory at Corunna, the very boots were cut from the soldiers' feet by the jagged rocks over which they had to climb. In order to save their feet from being lacerated, the soldiers took the shirts from their backs and, tearing them into strips, wound them round their feet. The incident was remembered, and the white spats are the result of this heroic march.

Nine Liverpool Scouts were serving as orderlies on board the Britannic, sunk by a submarine.

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British Navy on the Job

Except for an occasional report of submarine activities, little is heard of the North Sea and the great and tireless work which our navy has been called upon to fufil since the outbreak of the war. Yesterday's news of the capture of 13 out of 14 German steamers by British destroyers, proves how closely watched these waters are and that in spite of its tremendous task the British navy are fully maintaining that vigilance which has sealed every port in Germany.

The Admiralty announcements are always brief and the complete story of the events which led up to and culminated in naval actions of the present war will never be known until peace once more reigns supreme and lasting.

The latest brief dispatch reads—"Since Saturday 17 German ships have left Rotterdam, three in one group and fourteen in another; of the first group, one was wrecked off Zanvoort; of the second group not one single vessel was able to proceed to sea; eight were captured or sunk, three were stranded and of the remaining three which put back to port, two were afire."

Almost a clean sweep! And yet, how much is left to the imagination. Where were these vessels heading for? Was this more a test of the vigilance of our navy, with the object, should that vigilance show the least relaxation, of another attempt to break through that grim cordon whose smoke can always be seen on the horizon. This is a matter of conjecture for the individual reader, but whatever the inference, we now know that the British navy can be relied on to meet any emergency.

Card of Thanks

Mr. George Leach and family wish to convey their thanks for the many expressions of sympathy, and thoughtful kindness extended to them at the time of their great sorrow and bereavement.

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"TANK" COMMANDERS WHO GAINED HONORS

Deeds of Resolution and Daring That Were Rewarded by Britain—Thrilling Times

Conspicuous in a list of war honors containing over twelve hundred names published in the London Gazette were the fine awards of the Military Cross to men in the Tanks. An airman, 2nd Lieutenant S. E. Cowan, was the first officer to win two bars to his Military Cross. Of 2nd Lt. John Allan it is stated that "he manoeuvred his Tank with great skill under heavy shell fire over difficult and unknown ground and brought it into a good position for enfilading the enemy's trenches, which he succeeded in doing with good effect."

Fight With Revolvers

2nd Lt. Francis J. Arnold "commanded his Tank with great courage and determination. Later, the Tank being held up, he and his crew continued to fight with their revolvers." 2nd Lt. Edward C. K. Colle "fought his Tank with great gallantry, reaching the third objective. Later, on several occasions, he went to the assistance of the infantry, and finally brought his Tank safely out of action." 2nd Lt. Arthur H. Blowers "on several occasions assisted the infantry and enabled them to advance."

Fourteen Hours Ditched

The Tank of Lt. Frederick A. Robinson got ditched, and "he and his crew dug for fourteen hours under heavy fire, eventually getting the Tank out and back to the assembly point." 2nd Lt. William H. Sampson "enfiladed an enemy trench and captured fifteen prisoners." 2nd Lt. Eric L. Purdy "fought his Tank for five and a half hours with great gallantry, beating off continual enemy bombing attacks." Lt. Arthur E. Arnold "went to the assistance of another Tank. He also rescued a wounded man, and, although himself wounded, brought his Tank safely out of action." 2nd Lt. Herbert G. F. Brown "fought his Tank, which was disabled, with great gallantry, reaching his third objective. He put two machine guns out of action." 2nd Lt. Leonard C. Bond, in his Tank "put a machine gun out of action and captured the team."

FACTORIES AS HOUSES

Munition Factories Where Workers' Welfare Was Forgotten

An Englishman writes: Contrast the since-the-war conditions with those I found in many other factories, and the tribute I would pay to the work of the Welfare Department of the Ministry of Munitions will be appreciated. This work is one aspect of the vast energy displayed by the Ministry of Munitions. I visited factories from small ones employing 200 women to some of the largest, where the number of the female staff ran into thousands. In many of them before the war no women at all were employed, others had only a few women, and in others the female staff had been greatly augmented.

In very few of the factories where women had been previously employed had any attempt been made to study the human element. In physical matters only the bare demands of the Factory Acts had been carried out. It was a revelation to me to find how easily satisfied reasonably good employers had been with the conditions under which their factory workers existed.

Those living at a distance from the factory had no mess-rooms. They had their food in the factory itself, which in the case of a cotton mill in normal times was filled with flying dust. The only washing convenience was a corner with a pail under a cold water tap, also in the shop itself. Very rarely was there any accommodation for drying wet outer garments or boots.

The factories, as a matter of fact, were constructed wholly and solely for housing machinery, not human beings. But now that employers generally are seeing how much greater the efficiency is under welfare supervision they are beginning, I think, to kick themselves mentally for having jogged along for so many years without having given the human side a chance.

SUBTLE, MERRY CADORNA

Italy's Generalissimo Who Devised the Gorizia Surprise

When Lord Northcliffe talks about Cadorna there is a hint of a very merry luncheon at which the Italian generalissimo kept the table amused all the time. Here is the description of the cheerful general: A short, lithe, quick-moving man of sixty-six, General Cadorna is the most humorous of all the generals in the Great War. He has a glitter in his grey eyes that reminded me of those of the late Pierpont Morgan. He is a general who believes in seeing for himself. He took personal part in the direction of the final battle for Gorizia, climbing the ghastly hill of Podgora with the vigor of an Alpini. He is a close student of war, and he has all the subtlety of the Italian. In the long story of the war he is almost the only general who devised a surprise.

Flowers For Heroes

When detachments of British soldiers wounded in the taking of Beaumont-Hamel arrived at Charing Cross, flower "girls" threw the greater part of their stock into the cars as they left the station yard, and handkerchiefs were waved. The men were very cheerful.

"When peace arrives," said Sir D. Burnett at the meeting of the Crystal Palace Trustees, "I hope that the Crystal Palace will be the scene of a great rejoicing eclipsing anything that has taken place there."

Salvation Army attire is officially recognized by the order that all workers in military camps shall wear uniform.

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Local Notes

Get your Fair entries in now!

Miss Gladys Hume is home for the vacation.

Mr. A. M. Frazer is spending a few days at Foam Lake, Sask.

Mrs. B. Lund was a Winnipeg visitor last week.

Mr. W. J. Thompson spent the week end at Winnipeg.

Rev. Findlay and Mr. H. Crowe of Virden were Elkhorn visitors on Tuesday.

Master Gordon Mooney, of Woodnorth is visiting his cousin Harold.

Mr. A. Mooney returned home on Saturday, after spending a month's vacation at Woodnorth.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Crosby, of Saskatoon were the guests of the former's parents this week.

Your attention is directed to the local merchant's fair time ads.—Read them carefully.

Mrs. A. G. Greenwood and son of Winnipeg, are visiting at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Evans.

Rev. R. B. and Mrs Ledingham left on Tuesday for a short visit to relatives in the Weyburn district and other points in that province.

About 50 residents of the village and district motored to Fish Lake on Sunday and returned on Monday, reporting a delightful time.

Messrs. J. W. Montgomery and H. M. Kersey celebrated the "Glorious Twelvth" with brethren at Rocanville.

Court Hargrave, C.O.F. held a record church parade last Sunday, over 40 took part including a number of Elkhorn brethren.

Mrs. S. Shannon and two little daughters, of Carievale, Sask., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Smith.

A few local Oddfellows attended the installation ceremony conducted by D. D. G. M. Bro. Reid, of Brandon, at Virden, on Monday evening.

Elkhorn's big day will be staged on Tuesday, July 24th. The program shown at the bottom of this page should attract a big crowd—Make this a holiday for the whole family.

Get ready for the Fair!

Rev. D. B. Kennedy motored to Souris last Thursday.

Mrs. A. Connolly was a Virden visitor on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Watts returned from Winnipeg on Monday.

Miss L. Vodden, who has been teaching at Newdale is home for the summer vacation.

Mr. H. Bundy, of Winnipeg is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Freeman, this week.

Rev. V. Bell and Mr. R. N. Scotney motored to McAuley on Tuesday.

Master P. Scott, who has been at Beresford since spring is home for a short visit.

Mr. F. Mallett arrived from McAuley last week to accept a position with the Elkhorn Trading Co., as tinsmith.

Be sure you get your entries in on time—9 a.m. Monday, July 23rd is positively the time limit—Ask the secretary for a Prize List if you have not yet received one.

When in town for the fair, step into Mooney's Drug Store and ask to hear the "New Edison." This almost human machine will astound you.

Although weather conditions were far from favorable, quite a nice crowd gathered and spent a happy afternoon on Friday last, at Burnbank Picnic, held on the farm of Mrs. J. Ewing.

There will be no service in the Presbyterian church on Sabbath evenings until further notice, as the Rev. Ledingham is taking his holidays. Sunday School will be held as usual in the mornings.

The big Chautauqua event takes place at Virden next week. Buy a season ticket and save money. If you have a car you can motor down every evening and take a few friends along if you have room.

In time of war our communities can show no better spirit of determination and faith than by making the Annual Fair a record one, and their slogan "More and Better Production."

We ommitted to welcome a new family to our village last week—Mr. and Mrs. H. Kline and son have moved from Lenore and now reside on Grange St., in the house formerly occupied by Mr. A. B. Statham.

Mr. G. Greenwood visited relatives here over the week end and returned on Monday to Briercrest, Sask., accompanied by his wife and son who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Clifford for the past two weeks.

We shall be pleased to publish any new appointments on rural school boards which took place at the annual meeting held on Monday last. Also any other matter of interest which the secretary treasurer may send in to us.

A very interesting letter has been received by one of our subscribers from Victor Harrison. "Vic." says the weather has been extremely hot but expects it hotter still in the near future as his next letter will probably be written from the trenches.

The Foresters will attend divine service at the Anglican church next Sunday evening. All brethren are urged to make an effort to be present. The Court will assemble at the Masonic Temple at 6.45 p.m. and proceed in regular order to the church. Remember the date brethren—Sunday, July 22nd.

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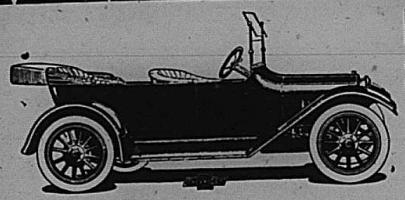

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BASEBALL TOURNAMENT—Prizes: 1st **$40.00**; 2nd, **$25.00**; 3rd, **$15.00** All other teams will receive **$10.00**. The Final will be played at 7 p.m. and 25c. admission will be charged for this.

FOOTBALL—Manson vs. Willen. Prizes: 1st, **$15.00**; 2nd, **$10.00**

AUTOMOBILE—Starting from the Manitoba Hotel at 1.30 p.m. Prizes for the best decorated cars: 1st **$8.00**, 2nd **$6.00**, 3rd **$5.00**, 4th **$4.00**, 5th **$2.00**.

TEAM WALKING MATCH (half mile)—1st **$7.00**, 2nd **$5.00**, 3rd **$3.00**

ELKHORN BAND WILL FURNISH MUSIC

ADMISSION—from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 24th: Gents. **50c.**, Ladies **25c.** Children **10c**

J. ORR, President **H. J. JONES, Sec.-Mgr.**

NOTICE

Take Notice that a special meeting of the Elkhorn Agricultural Society will be held at the Agricultural Hall, on the fair grounds, Elkhorn, on Monday July 23rd at 3 p m., for the purpose of authorizing the Directors of the aforementioned Society, to sell a portion of the Society's ground, for the purpose of a gravel pit, to the Municipalities of Elkhorn and Wallace.

This notice is given as required by section 9 of the Act respecting Agricultural Societies.

J. ORR, President.
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QUICK—HANDY—LASTING

Jews Driven From Their Homes by Turks

Over Eight Thousand are Compelled to Leave Jaffa; Many Die

Details of the recent evacuation of Palestine have just been received by the Boston branch of the provisional committee for general Zionist affairs. The cable in part follows:

"Between 8,000 and 9,000 Jews were compelled to leave Jaffa. Of these more than 3,000 are now in Lower Galilee; more than 1,000 in Petach Tik Wah, the remainder having been dispersed in the colonies of Judea and Samaria. Thirty Jews have received special permission to remain in Jaffa. Only six hundred persons were compelled to leave the farms. The deaths incidental to the evacuation were due to insufficient nourishment and the hardships of the journey. In order to take care of the refugees clay cottages are being erected, and if sufficient funds are forthcoming public works will be started in order to help them. Jerusalem has not been evacuated.

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Land Worth Hundred Dollars Acre Will Net Ten Per Cent. Revenue

That it costs $18.25 an acre to produce wheat this year is the outcome of an estimate prepared by R. S. Rideout, Regina, manager of the Western Trust Company, who submits the following tabulated statement, adding that his figures indicate that land worth $100 an acre would give a net revenue of ten per cent.

Seed, one and one-half bushels wheat at $2.50 per bushel, $3.75.
Plowing and two harrowing, per acre, $2.50.
Drilling and two harrowing, per acre, 75 cents.
Harrowing after seeding, per acre, 25 cents.
Gutting, per acre, 75 cents.
Twine, per acre at 4 pounds at 10c. per pound, 40 cents.
Stooking, per acre, 50 cents.
Threshing, loading, hauling 25 bushel at 18 cents per bushel to Fort William, $4.50.
Interest on land at $30 an acre, 7 per cent., $2.10.
Taxes, per acre, 25 cents.
Total cost per acre, $18.25.
Cost per bushel, 73 cents.
Minimum price per bushel, $1.50.
Profit, per bushel, 77 cents.
Profit, per acre, $19.25.

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No other medicine gives as great satisfaction to mothers as does Baby's Own Tablets. These Tablets are equally good for the newborn babe or the growing child. They are absolutely free from injurious drugs and cannot possibly do harm—always good. Concerning them Mrs. Jos. Morneau, St. Pamphile, Que., writes: "I have used Baby's Own Tablets and am well satisfied with them and would use no other medicine for my little ones." The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Manifestations of Desperation

The submarine and the mine are manifestations of desperation on the part of the enemy, and they may involve the nation in privation and suffering. But neither the one nor the other can bring victory to Germany unless all the teaching of history is unsound. We should play in the hands of the enemy if we were to lose either courage, patience, or composure, endeavoring to deflect the naval administration from the course it is pursuing to bring the enemy to his knees, amid the ruins of an Empire which already is under a constriction rendering life almost impossible.—London Daily Telegraph.

He—"There's a report going around that we are engaged."
She—"Can't you stop it?"
He—"I'd rather verify it, if you haven't any objection."

Marriage may be a lottery, but a whole lot of people seem to be satisfied with less than capital prizes.

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Made from choice whole wheat and malted barley, this famous food retains the vital mineral elements of the grain, so essential for balanced nourishment, but lacking in many cereal foods.

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Each succeeding year shows the financial strength of the Merchants Bank of Canada greater than the previous year as a glance at their latest statement conclusively proves.

The amount carried forward to Profit and Loss Account after making very liberal allowances for Patriotic and Red Cross Funds, contributions to Officers' Pension Fund, writing off a large amount for depreciation of bank premises and after paying the usual 10 per cent. dividend shows an increase of $170,000 over last year.

It will be noticed that the amounts invested in Government Municipal Securities are larger than last year and those invested in railway and other bonds, debentures and stocks considerably less than last year while

D. C. MACAROW
General Manager of the Merchants Bank of Canada

call loans have also been reduced, the change in each of these items making for the Bank's stability.

The fact that the Bank's Reserve is so much greater than its loans shows it to be in a very strong position financially.

A comparison of almost every item in the statement with similar items of a year ago show very marked improvement and greater financial strength. It also proves that business conditions in Canada during the past year have been in a very healthy state.

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Belgian Deportees Forced To Eat Rats

Eyewitnesses in Germany Say Hundreds Have Died of Starvation

The Belgian government has received a number of letters written in Germany by eyewitnesses, describing the terrible fate of the Belgian deportees in various German camps, says the London Globe. The following are some extracts.

"February 25—Here the fate of the Belgian civilians is awful. The Germans are leaving them to die on a starvation diet. They are nothing but skin and bone. Yesterday thirteen bodies were in the mortuary. This morning there were fourteen, and that of a total of 3,000 to 4,000 prisoners.

"If we are caught in the act of handing these unhappy people some soup or other food we are punished with five days' jail. Neutrals never come to see us.

"March 2—The situation becomes unbearable. The unhappy civilians die by scores. The total of deaths for yesterday and today in this camp alone is seventeen! None of them die from illness.

"Every day two or three civilians are found dead in their huts. The doctors repudiate all responsibility.

"The deportees are no longer able to walk without help. The Belgian civilians are starving. They die at the rate of three a day.

"In another camp the deportees have devoured live rats. The treatment to which they are subjected is beyond all imagination."

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Americans Buy Big Farm

Four United States farmers have bought a 7,000-acre farm in Saskatchewan, paying therefor $296,000. The vendor of the farm made a condition in the contract that the purchasers must work it, as he claimed that at the present time every inch of agricultural land should be producing food for the Allies.

Canada and the United States

Each country will achieve through the year a greater unification. And in doing so each will become more sympathetic with the other. Having worked and fought together and overcome similar anti-war disaffection at home, the United States and Canada will find themselves standing closer together than ever before. They will be more apreciative neighbors and warmer friends.—New York Tribune.

WINNIPEG MAN CURED

Says Dr. Cassell's Tablets Saved him from Nervous Breakdown

Mr. G. C. Inman, 339, Harcourt street, Sturgeon Creek, Winnipeg, for many years a well-known man in the business life of Canada, says: "I was terribly rundown and weak. I had no appetite, and I suffered if I forced myself to eat. My nerves were in a bad way, and my sleep very disturbed. Everything pointed to a nervous breakdown. Then I got Dr. Cassell's Tablets. The first result was that I could sleep, and then my health rapidly improved. It was really astonishing how my strength and fitness came back."

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Dad—"Is that so? What did you do, dearie?"
Little Helen—"I bought you a nice present and had it charged to you."

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His Excuse

Mother—Johnny, you said you'd been to Sunday school. Now I want to know how it happens that your hands smell of fish?
Johnny—I carried home the Sunday school paper an' the outside page is all about Jonah and the whale.—Harper's.

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Gents,—I cured a valuable hunting dog of mange with MINARD'S LINIMENT after several veterinaries had treated him without doing him any permanent good.

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We are indebted to Pompeii for the great industry of canned fruit. Years ago, when the excavations were just beginning, a party found in what had been the pantry of a house many jars of preserved figs. One was opened, and they were found to be fresh and good. Investigation showed that the figs had been put into jars in a heated state, an aperature left for the steam to escape and then sealed with wax. The hint was taken, and the next year fruit canning was introduced into the United States, the process being identical with that in vogue at Pompeii, thirty centuries ago.

Norah—An' did she give you a reference?
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Life in a Submarine

On Bed of the Ocean in Midst of Many Dangers

The submarine "lay sleeping" on the bottom like a tired whale enjoying a siesta, says the London Mail.

When at the surface she seemed a grey lump of pugnacity. Crouched on the floor of the sea she appeared so inanimate that the strange aquatic creatures which stared at her with round, unwinking eyes as the ground currents swirled them past her sides regarded her with suspicion. Some of the more inquisitive of these dwellers in the deeps halted a moment, touched her with their noses, then scuttled fearfully away. A creature that remained so absolutely motionless, that headed the oncoming water yet moved neither gill nor fin, seemed uncanny to them, and they gave her a wide berth. Inside the boat, where the electric light made a brilliant illumination, the submarine's crew were whiling away time after the fashion that seemed best to them, waiting a chance to be up and off in safety.

One man softly touched a mandolin and hummed a lively ditty which he had picked up during his last visit to a music hall in port. The second coxswain sat absorbed in a week-old copy of Answers, the golden cover, of which was tattered by much thumbing and finger-printed all over from the many brawny hands it had been through during the boat's trip. Some of the "hands" stretched on the floor and snoozed as peacefully as if they had been in bed ashore. Others swapped yarns about things that had no connection with war or war's effects.

Smoking not being permissible, each killed time in his own way. The skipper, sitting by the periscope and talking with the "sub" displayed an air of unconcern, yet one got the impression he was keenly alert, ready for prompt action.

"Sh-sh! Hear that?" said an A.B., prodding the mandolinist's arm. The music stopped as the thud of screws overhead penetrated into the boat. One of the sleepers on the floor raised himself on his elbow and listened.

"She's gone over us," he remarked casually, then resumed his nap. Nor did any of the others pay greater attention to the incident. From time to time the beat of more screws came filtering into the boat, showing that vessels which the submarine had no desire to meet were searching the water about her. And while she thus lay "doggo" to avoid them, never a one of her crew showed by his demeanor that he worried about the peril that encompassed him. Closed within steel walls from which there could be no escape if the worst happened, lying fathoms deep in danger infested waters, unable to see anything outside their prison though hearing much that was disquieting, these iron nerved men comported themselves as unconcernedly as if they had been safe within the cosy shelter of a "stone frigate" ashore.

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His Mouth Is Full

The French, with their ready appreciation of gallantry in other races, are using the language of eulogy about the British troops. "For thirty months," says an expert military writer in the Paris Press, "the British bulldog has been tightening his muscles and sharpening his hold." He is; and if he does not say much about it, his friends abroad will remember that it is impossible to bite and talk at the same time.—Editorial in London Times.

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Counting Seconds

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Dynamite Saves Potatoes

A resourceful farmer found a new way to use dynamite that saved a nearly matured crop of potatoes in a badly flooded field. Unusual heavy rains filled all the neighboring drains and ditches; in this emergency the owner put down a number of holes eight to twelve feet deep with a post auger and exploded a charge of dynamite in the bottom of each. This opened up passages into the sandy subsoil, through which the surplus water drained rapidly, and the crop was saved, although many nearby crops were ruined by the excess of water standing in the fields.

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CANADIAN CONSTRUCTION UNITS AT WORK AMONG ENEMY SHELLS

TRACK-LAYING PROCEEDS UNDER DIFFICULTIES

The Canadian Railway Battalions Are Doing a Worthy Part In Building Railway Lines That Are Used To Feed The Big Guns That Ousted Enemy from Messines Region

The Canadians played a worthy part in the great events occurring on the Belgian front, where in the early stages of the war the men from Canada made history that will never be forgotten. The ground that is now in process of redemption represents, for them, the unattainable. They contested every foot of the St. Eloi area at the northern end of the battlefield, with the utmost tenacity and valor, but because of the superior German artillery on the Messines-Wytschaete ridge all their efforts were fruitless and thousands of men died in opposing a further German advance. Their sacrifice was not made in vain. The ridge and a daily increasing part of the plain of Flanders beyond it are again in the possession of the Belgian people, while the enemy, brutal and sullen, as always in defeat, shells with long-range guns the villages in the area from which he has been driven, in the hope of preventing the reoccupation of what, in most cases, are mounds of shapeless ruin, like those of the Somme and Arras regions.

In driving out the invaders, the Canadians have done notable work not on the fighting front but in the engineering, roadbuilding and railway construction departments. Some of the mines which have so utterly changed the outline of the ridge were completed before the Canadian left for the Somme last fall. For months, thousands of Canadians, commanded and officered by former railway contractors and engineers, have been adding to the mileage of the light railways in the Ypres salient. During a brief visit to the Belgian front, the Canadian overseas correspondent watched a railway construction battalion, which was recruited in northern Ontario, pushing forward a light railway to a town on the new British front. The work of grading and track laying was proceeding under fire from the enemy's heavy artillery. Casualties are inevitable, but the men work with a will, knowing that by their labors the feeding of the guns is made possible.

There are now over 100 miles of light railway in the second army area, some of it double track. The colonel in charge of the work of extending the line to the new front was formerly a contractor for the construction of part of the National Transcontinental and is accustomed to handling men in thousands, as he has to do on the rush job now in hand. With little military training, his men work like veterans. Until lately building railways in a salient was more perilous. Now the track, when put down, has a fair chance of staying where it is put.

The Canadian surgeons and nurses in the Canadian casualty clearing station in the salient have been as effective in caring for the wounded from the battlefield of Messines as are railway builders in providing facilities for feeding the guns.

Over one-fourth of all the wounded have been cleared from the Canadian stations. That meant great exertion for a long stretch of hours on the part of the staff, but this was borne gladly. By far the greater number of the wounded had been hit by shell splinters. There were few bullet wounds from machine guns or rifles, and scarcely any inflicted by bayonets, save in the case of Germans treated. This proves that the last-minute plans of the enemy for the defence of the ridge failed to work.

King and Queen Visit Munition Factories

Learned Something of the Factory Troubles From Tom Brooks

A correspondent of a London journal, writing from Lancaster recently, says:

Could our gallant fighting men see what the king and queen saw today their hearts would be filled with a great joy. The royal tour has revealed a national organization for the production of shells that was a revolation even to officers of the ministry of munitions. From Manchester munitions office alone 3,000 new or converted factories have been for months turning out millions of shells of all sizes, while the output increases every day.

The royal visitors today, among many other activities, visited works built on what not long ago was agricultural ground. They have seen shell making from the breaking of steel billets to filling with explosives and marketing with the military formula indicating the guns for which they are intended. Already they have allowed it to be known that the magnificent welcome of loyal Manchester has been a wonderful delight and encouragement to them.

At the enormous Westinghouse works it had been said that trouble would cause a stoppage of shell production. The king, by a few tactful questions, elicited facts that place these temporary labor difficulties in a far more favorable light.

"Tom Brooks, Your Majesty, one of our oldest and most valued workmen," was one introduction made. The king asked Tom for his view of recent difficulties. Tom proudly opened with: "We are one of the loyalist firms in England, sir, and we were the last to go on strike and the first to resume work."

Then he offered the explanation that applies to many hundreds of shops. They wished, he said, to make a protest that would compel attention, and they knew that a stoppage would be the quickest and most emphatic method of doing it. Having made the protest they recommenced work, and will work all the harder to make up the total to normal quantities.

The king gripped honest, plain-speaking Tom by the hand, and told him how glad he was they had returned to work, and how earenstly he hoped they would be able to continue production, without further friction.

From personal investigation, I am convinced that the king's desire will be realized, and that the settlement of disputes will be effected without stopping work, or deferred until after the war.

After leaving Manchester, the party journeyed to Lancaster, and later proceeded to the National Projectile factory, where they inspected miles of bays filled with smiling women.

Wonderful time has been kept throughout this strenuous tour, although today, for the first time, the king was "clocked" ten minutes late at the Westinghouse works. His majesty performed the operation of "clocking in" as if used to it all his life, and received the time ticket numbered 10,001 in return for pushing a button.

Britain's Desire Always for Peace

Viscount Grey Outlines the Events Which Led to the War

Those events which led up to the present world struggle were outlined in a letter from Viscount Grey to the editor of the Christian Science Monitor, published in Boston. This letter, a copy of which was obtained by the United Press, follows in part:

"The origin of our Entente, first with France and then with Russia, was a desire to avoid war and to put an end to our quarrels with those powers and to the embittered feelings on their side and ours that had so often brought us or seemed to bring us to the brink of war. This was our motive, and a policy of encircling Germany was not in our thoughts.

"We wished to keep our friends, but also to keep the peace of Europe and in the European conference, in London over the Balkan war we gave proof of this and came through that without reproach and indeed with the credit of having worked for peace.

"One of the tragedies of the situation is that this conference showed clearly that there was in London machinery and personnel that could have settled honorably and fairly every dispute such as that of 1914, if it had been permitted to try and been trusted again.

"That this was so was due to the personalities of the ambassadors in London of the five great European powers, including of course Lichnoivsky and Mensdorff, the German and Austrian ambassadors.

"But in 1914 Germany thought the time had come to take advantage of the situation and to force the peace, and I suppose the Prussian military men had decided that the time to strike successfully had come.

"As far as I can see the Germans believe that if England had promised Germany to remain neutral in a European war, France and Russia would have given in to Germany without fighting, England would have been isolated and discredited and German domination would have been secured without war.

"And the Germans hold us to blame for the war because we did not act according to their idea. This view can only be jestified in the assumption that Germany is morally and intellectually so superior to all other nations that it is wrong not to desire her will to be imposed on Europe and a crime to put any obstacle in her way."

A Concert Behind The Firing Line

"The Enemy" Obliges With a Folk Song and Chorus and Surprises T. Atkins

It seems that the social amenities are not wholly lacking even at the front. A writer in the London Saturday Review tells us of a concert that he attended just behind the firing line:

To my surprise I see seated on one side of the hut at the far end of the room eight German non-commissioned officers, all smoking (again mostly Woodbines) and all evidently enjoying the musical efforts of our gallant Tommies. These Germans were very fine men. Two were sergeant-majors, and had most intelligent and interesting faces. And there, a studious-looking, rather delicate fellow was, I found, science master at some German school. He had a guitar, which he played later with great effect.

The concert went on; lugubrious songs, all without accompaniment, with verses that ran into double figures. "Don't Go Down the Mine, Daddy," and songs of the "Little Irish Rose" and "Shamrock" type were the most popular; several again of the "Scotch Whisky" variety, and then the meeting is called to order by the chairman, who announces: "The enemy will oblige with a folk song—the best of order and a bit of encouragement, please."

"The enemy," remove their caps, come to the front, bowing to the colonel as they pass, and sing a part-song, conducted by one of the sergeant-majors, and accompanied by the delicate-looking man on his guitar. It is music, real music, the performers—all eight of them—obviously enjoying it. One or two have really good voices, and there is not a false note. Tommy looked on in amazement. He seemed surprised that these strange people could sing in such a difficult language and certainly surprised at the very high musical standard. The enemy is heartily applauded, and returns quickly to his seat and his Woodbines, again bowing to the colonel en route.

Then the adjutant tells stories, chiefly concerned with the troubles of young officers and raw recruits, which shake the audience with laughter. He is followed by the colonel, who stands up, all six feet of him, perfectly "turned out," and recites in most racy manner "The Gee Bung Polo Club." The applause was intense, and this although there were probably not half a dozen men in the hut who could tell him anything about the game of polo! Still, as I have said, he is a good colonel.

And now the chairman announces the last two items on the program. "Best of order, please, while the enemy gives 'The Watch on the Rhine'—and you can ease yourselves afterwards by singing 'Rule Britannia.'" So "Die Wacht am Rhein" is most feebly rendered by the enemy, and the last notes have hardly died away when Thomas Atkins lifts the roof off with that paean of liberty which (so the verse tells us) was caught from the lips of "Guardian Angels." Then "God Save the King," and the men disperse, many of them singing as they go out.

Men and women are very different. In the moonlight a man thinks of love, a woman of marriage.

Forty Ton Tank Is Factor In Offensive

Goes Through a House if Found in Its Path, Says Correspondent

The recent offensive actions have brought some valuable intensification of old ideas. Most sensational among these is the use of the tank. This forty ton monster, rolling along literally inside its own trail, will go almost anywhere with irresistible force. It will lean against a tree and smash it down; it will climb against a house, break in the wall and pass through the debris; it will level barbed wire entanglements, and it will cover up shelter entrances.

A general telling of one tank said: "Our infantry captured and organized one end of a trench the Germans retaining the most of their works. Along came a tank, and starting at the opposite end of the trench, wiggled toward our corner. The trench was obliterated and those of the occupants who were not killed or injured ran toward us, only too glad to surrender. We took 387 of them prisoners."

But one well directed, delayed fuse projectile will cripple a tank, and there are other means of stopping them.

Long planned out artillery fire remains the most effective trench destroyer. In the Picardy battle many of the German dugouts thirty-five feet under ground were blocked by earth thrown up from the gun fire. Of course, the machine gun outfits never came out, but enough machine guns remained to make the advance costly.

Grenades of several varieties are being used generally in attacks and more particularly in repelling counter-attacks.

Perhaps the most important use of old ideas readopted is that of wireless telegraphy. Hitherto a few minutes after the preparatory bombardment commenced the communications from observers to the batteries were cut, and in many cases the gunners were obliged to shoot more or less at random. This was true first at Verdun. Now small wireless sending outfits are used by the observers in the first line positions. Needless to say, this is dangerous work, but no work is too hazardous which will supply the necessary information to the central fire control stations.

The Greater War

Over Sixty Thousand Deaths Annually in U.S. From Effects of Alcohol

Dr. F. F. Bowers, an eminent health authority, writing in the American Magazine says:

"It is conceded, even by conservatives, that between sixty and seventy thousand persons die annually in the U.S. from the effects of alcohol. In other words, eight and four-tenths per cent. of the entire number of deaths are due to this dangerous protoplasmic poison—this degenerator of brain and tissue cells. To be exact, B. Donnell Phelps, who is recognized as one of the most careful and conservative of statisticians and whose work, 'Mortality of Alcohol,' is used as a text book in many of our higher educational institutions, claims that sixty-five thousand, eight hundred and ninety-seven deaths per year are directly due to the use of alcoholic liquors. This estimate signifies one adult death every eight minutes, or in other words, one man in every seven and one-half who die in the U.S. dies because of drink.

"The claim is made also, that of one thousand deaths among drinkers, four hundred and forty or nearly one half are due directly and indirectly to alcohol. Applying these figures to the continental U.S., more than six hundred and eighty thousand deaths a year (both directly and indirectly) can be charged to the killing power of this poison. This is exclusive of the mortality in our posesssions, which will bring the total up to seven hundred and twenty-five thousand per year, which means that alcohol is bludgeoning our people out of existence at the rate of two thousand per day.

"Professor Halmel, of Germany, says: 'Among Bavarians, the greatest beer-drinking people in the world, three hundred out of every one thousand babies born are born dead. Each year sixty-nine thousand infants die before they are twelve months old. Norwegian mothers had as many dead born babies as Bavarian mothers until they were taught not to drink alcoholic liquors. Now they lose but eighty or ninety out of one thousand babies.'

"If we concede further that alcohol is responsible as the chief factor in many cases of Bright's Disease, Tuberculosis, Heart Disease, Pneumonia, Hardening of the Arteries, Degeneration of the Liver and Pancreas, Apoplexy, suicide, accidental injury, chronic Gout and Rheumatism, Dementia, Delirium Tremens and alcoholic insanities, inability to withstand surgical operations, increased infant mortality from decreased powers of lactation in nursing mothers, Gastritis and Epilepsy, it might almost seem as though we have underestimated rather than overestimated alcoholic mortality."—H. Arnott, M.B., M.C.P.S.

Army Remounts in Canada

Purchasing of Remounts in Canada for the British Government

Following the action by the Imperial government in deciding to again undertake the purchase of remounts in Canada, a conference was held between the British Remount Commission and representatives of a number of horse breeders' associations, at which information was given by the commission regarding the purchasing of remounts for the British government. General Neill, a Canadian, has been appointed a member of the commission, by the Imperial government, to ararnge for assembling the horses. There will be central depots for the inspection of horses located at the chief centres of the horse industry throughout Canada. Inspections will also be made, however at country points when sufficient horses can be assembled. The purchases at present will be limited to artillery and transport horses. All horses must be sound, of good conformation, free from blemishes and broken to harness or saddle. They must be between six and nine years of age; the height required for artillery horses is 15.2 to 16 hands and the weight 1200 and 1350 pounds.

A committee from the associations was appointed to confer with the commission regarding matters in which they might be mutually interested.

War a Leveller of Men

Dancer and Athlete, Patrician and Plebeian Are Equally Valiant

I asked the president of an important college what type of student has responded most quickly to the war drum.

"The surprising thing," said he, "is that there is no class in this response. At our college the boy who is regarded as the best dancer was among the very first to volunteer. As many glee club fellows as football men are going to the front. Athletes are no more eager to face the cannon than are our brightest students."

War, like death, levels up and down. Those aristocrats and high-bred gentlemen, George Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette, starved quite as well at Valley Forge as did the frontiersmen from interior Pennsylvania.

Meade, the cultured patrician, stood the gaff of battle as well as, but no better than did Sheridan, the plebeian.

Marshal Murat, son of a tavern keeper, became a king, and Marshal Ney, son of a cooper, later grew into a prince and both were as valiant upon many a bloody field as were the sons of emperors and czars.—Girard in the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Wrong Quarry

A near-sighted man was passing along a country road when his hat was whisked off by the wind and carried over a stone wall. He gave pursuit, but each time he thought he had it, it got yet another move on. Then a woman's angry voice rang out.

"What are you doing there?" she demanded shrilly.

He explained mildly that he was only trying to retrieve his hat, whereupon the woman said, "Your hat? There it is over there under the wall—that's our little black hen you've been chasing."

The Dust Mulch

The advantage of the dust mulch in the conservation of soil moisture against a day of drought is well recognized but it is not so often borne in mind that in a closely related way finely pulverized soil has its part to play in seed germination. The smaller the particles of soil, the more points of contact there will be between the seed and its surrounding medium. And since each soil particle is surrounded by a thin film of water, it follows that the dust mulch brings more moisture in contact with the seed during the period of germination.

Live and Learn

An old captain and his mate, feeling hungry, went into a restaurant and ordered dinner. The waiter placed a plate of thin, watery looking liquid before each. "I say, young fellow, what's this stuff?" shouted the captain. "Soup, sir," replied the waiter. "Soup!" echoed the old sea dog. "Just think of that, Bill. Here you and me have been sailing on soup all our lives and never knowed it till now."

"What! You kicking about your food? I thought you boasted about your housekeeper cooking so well."

"Yes, but I married her, and now we keep a cook."

Alberta Oil Output

Okotoks Field Has Produced 200,000 Gallons and the Output Is Increasing

Figures obtained by the Calgary Herald from the Canadian Pacific railway show that 200,000 gallons of oil, most of it high-grade gasolene, have been shipped from Okotoks station since the first Dingman well was "brought in" in 1914. This amount of oil represents more than 1,000 tons in weight, but the principal feature is that the production is increasing.

The increase in output is shown by the fact that of the 200,000 gallons shipped since 1914, the larger amount was shipped this year.

Though the oil "boom" evaporated some time ago, and the general public has largely lost interest in the situation, the railway figures show that a real producing field is being developed. With the installation of modern machinery and the drilling of new wells, the output of the field is certain to be increased during the present year.

"God Punish England"

Germans Pour Out Their Wrath on the Occasion of the Bismarck Centenary

The Bismarck centenary was celebrated in Lille, still in the hands of the Germans, with unwonted enthusiasm. The news of the steady advance of the British to positions that were held to be unassailable, caused the Germans, happily ensconced in that city, to pour out their wrath over the series of defeats in maledictions upon the English. A special issue of a local paper, published by the Germans, was turned into a vehicle of indecent abuse of the English army, English officers, soldiers, and English women.

Only one article could be reproduced in any English-printed newspaper, extracts from which (it was addressed to Germans) we quote:

You mothers, engrave this in the heart of the babe at your breast!

You thousands of teachers to whom millions of German children look up with eyes and hearts, teach Hate, unquenchable Hate! You homes of German learning, pile up the fuel on this fire.

Tell the nation that this hate is not unGerman, that it is not poison for our people. Write in letters of fire the name of our bitterest enemy. You guardians of the truth feed this sacred hate!

You German fathers, lead our children up to the high hills of our homeland, at the feet of our dear country bathed in sunshine. Your women and children shall starve; bestial devilish conception. England wills it! Surely all that is in you rises against such infamy.

Let it be inculcated in your children, and it will grow like a landslide, irresistible, from generation to generation.

You fathers, proclaim it aloud over the billowing fields, that the toiling peasant below may hear you that the birds of the forest may fly away with the message—into the land that echoes from German cliffs, send it reverberating like the clanging of bells from tower to tower throughout the country-side:—

"Hate, Hate, the accursed English, Hate!"

You masters, carry the flame to your workshops. Axe and hammer will fall the heavier when arms are nerved by this Hate.

You masters, carry this flame, fan it anew in the hearts of your toilers that the hand may rest heavy on the plough that throws up the soil of our homeland.

What Carthage was to Rome, England is to Germany.

Sweet things, these loving Germans!

Healthy Cows

Dairy Commissioner Wilson, of Saskatchewan, through the Dominion Dairy and Produce Company, which is operated by the dairy branch of the department of agriculture, is making a bid for cows with a clean bill of health. Every contributor of milk to this company who can show that his cows are free from tuberculosis, will be paid 3 cents per pound over and above the regulation price for each pound of butter fat his milk contains, and will receive a further 2 cents extra for each pound of butter fat if his stables, milkhouse and general surroundings are sufficiently sanitary and score 75 points or over in a possible 100. This is a method of cooperation with the city health department of Regina which might well be copied by every department of agriculture in the country.

"I can't give the Duke any real money," said the prospective pa-in-law.

"There must be a dowry."

"Well, I kin put some purty fair property in his name."

"Do you object if we search title?"

"Oh, no, I 'pect to do the same by the Duke's."

Sincere Regret

German Veteran (in 1930)—Yes, I was at Vimy Ridge in 1917.

Canadian Sharpshooter (earnestly)—Well, well, I'm sorry I missed you.

DEVELOPMENT OF FLYING CORPS IS MAKING RAPID STRIDES IN CANADA

COMPLETE EQUIPMENT IN OPERATION AT TORONTO

Seventeen Hundred Men Have Joined the Royal Flying Corps And a Huge Plant in Toronto Is Turning Out Aeroplanes At the Rate of Almost One Hundred a Month

At the end of last January a party of Imperial officers, in command of Col. C. G. Hoare, arrived in Toronto from England. They were officers who had seen service fighting the Huns in the limitless regions of the air on the western front. Previous to their arrival it was announced that the British government had appropriated millions—one sum mentioned was $10,000,000—to develop a reserve force of air pilots in Canada. Following the arrival of the officers, 80 N.C.O's., expert mechanics in aeroplane construction, arrived in Toronto, and were billeted at Exhibition camp. Since then other parties of mechanics have arrived from England, making a total of over 250. The work of organization commenced right away. The Imperial munitions board was entrusted with the spending of the money by the Imperial government.

"The one object of the organization is to make pilots for overseas service," stated Major D. L. Allen. The first draft of men is ready for overseas. There are 16 of them and they will leave at once. Up to the present time, 1,700 men have joined the Royal Flying Corps, either as cadets for training as pilots or as mechanics to take care of the machines. Of these recruits, Lieut. Daniel, officer in command of western recruiting, has sent over 300 men east in two months. There are three camps in operation, Camp Borden, Long Branch and Deseronto, which is now named Camp Mohawk. There are at least seven squadrons of machines in operation every day, five of them at

It is a little over four months since Camp Borden. Two more camps are ready for opening, one in North Toronto and another, Camp Lulu, at Vancouver. The tremendous plant of the Canadian Aeroplanes Co. is almost in full operation at the head of Dufferin street, Toronto. The hundreds of workers—men and women—are turning out an average of three machines a day, exclusive of the engines.

the first party of officers arrived, and today pilots are ready for overseas, and flying machines are being turned out at the rate of almost 100 a month. The press were invited to see the whole plant, and organization. Toronto and Montreal newspaper men were conducted around every part of the organization in Toronto by Major Allen and Capt. J. S. Scott. The headquarters staff for the corps in Canada is quartered in splendid offices at the Imperial Oil building on Church street. This is the administration centre for the whole Dominion Royal Flying Corps.

Major Allen explained the organization under the direction of the headquarters staff. There are two branches of the service, one is the aerial organization and the other is the aerial equipment. The first part has to do with recruiting, training, technical instruction, or the making of pilots and mechanics, the second has to do with equipment, stores and ordnance. The feature of the central organization on Church street consists in the charts on the office walls. By a card system wherein cards of various colors held in neat wooden slots, every machine in service, with a description of the engine propelling the machine, is tabulated. Each squadron is distinctly tabulated, with the numbers of machines and engines at its disposal. Even those in the repair shops are set out on card charts. By this simple system the officers at headquarters are able to see how many machines are flying every day, in any camp in Canada. Major Allen pointed out that this accurate system was absolutely necessary, because every part of a machine had to be accounted for to imperial auditors, and the cost of a new machine is $7,500. The major explained that six machines composed a flight, and three flights a squadron of 18 machines. There are five squadrons, or 90 machines, in operation at Camp Borden, one at Long Branch, and another at Deseronto. He also stated that for every 20 cadets ... this in the making there were ... mechanics needed to repair the machines and keep them in working order. So that out of every 1,000 recruits to the Royal Flying Corps, about 200 are aviators, and the rest mechanics of various grades.

Population of Alberta

The Census Statistics Office at Ottawa has issued a final statement of the population of Alberta, as shown by the census of June 1, 1916. The total population including unorganized parts, is placed at 496,525, as compared with 374,663 in 1911.

The province had 6 cities, 49 towns and 94 villages in 1916, as against 6 cities, 47 towns and 45 villages five years previously. Strathcona, which appeared as a separate city in 1911, is now a part (Edmonton South, 12,420) of Edmonton city. Red Deer city was reported as a town in the previous census. In 1916 the population of cities totalled 133,319; of towns, 36,541; of villages, 18,889; while in 1911 the cities had a population of 92,370; the towns of 34,224 and the villages of 9,873.

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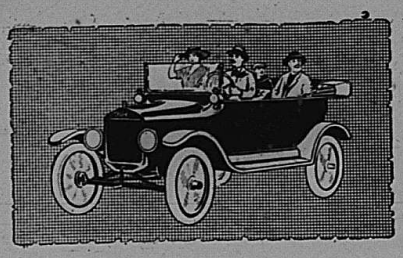

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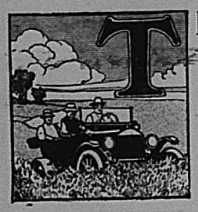

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Duties.—Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of taree years. A home'eader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres, on certain conditions. A habitable house is required except where residence is performed in the vicinity.

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BRITISH WAR BADGES

Many Strange Decorations Are Worn Without Authority

Even English people are asking the meaning of the different badges, patches, and stripes that decorate the soldier's khaki. One regiment, the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, is permitted to wear a bunch of black ribbons, called a "flash," hanging from the back of the tunic collar. Other patches that men wear on their backs and sleeves, just below their shoulders, are distinguishing marks that various divisions have adopted.

In addition to these patches many soldiers are wearing a little blue and red ribbon under the numerals on their shoulder straps. When asked its meaning the men declare that it is an unofficial badge to show they took part in the landing in Gallipoli and is copied from the Australians, who have a distinctive badge for the same purpose.

The War Office issued no badge or ribbon during the war except the gold stripe for the wounded and the silver badge for men who have been discharged. The silver stripe that some hospitals have issued to men who have returned ill from the front is entirely out of order, and, as a War Office official said, is forbidden to be worn on uniform. The gold stripe for the wounded is not meant to be worn on civilian clothing, but no official steps will be taken to prevent men from wearing it.

Brave Chaplains

The clergy of all denominations have distinguished themselves for gallantry at the front. Here are two hero British chaplains, both of whom have been awarded the Military Cross and were photographed when leaving Buckingham Palace where they were invested by the King. Rev. Canon Woodward, Canon of Southwark Cathedral, is shown above, and Rev. Hugh Hornby is shown below.

BOMBING THE HUNS OUT

Dare-devil Adventure of a British Soldier

Your true bomber is born rather than made. He must have the patience and carefulness of a deer stalker, the subtlety of a diplomat, the impudence of a gamin, the speculativeness of a poker player. It was a bomber who played chief part in a little ruse de guerre by which many Germans were discomfited.

The Boches were ensconced in a house ruins. They had a machine gun and were not easy to get at. But after nightfall a British machine gun was trained upon the door. A bomber crept in, and working his way by devious routes came to the back of the house, climbed on to its battered roof, and began a steady little cascade of bombs through holes and chimney upon the startled Germans.

And when they rushed out of the door the machine gun was ready for them. That house held no Germans in the morning. And the only request that bomber had made when he started on this hair-raising adventure was to ask the machine gunner to "Keep it pretty low, old boy, and well towards the front side of the house, or you'll 'get me,' my buck, not Fritz."

An Artillery "Hell"

An Englishman writes: We shall beat the enemy not by excess of numbers but by excess of freshness. We need men and more men, not to outnumber the enemy on the field but in order that our troops shall not suffer the German ordeal. A German general's order of the day, taken in battle, urged the troops to stand firm under bombardment by the promise of revenge. "We will see to it that we exterminate the British and French armed by such a hell as they have themselves created." His promise also confessed his plight. Our artillery fire is too much.

Identification Discs

The men of the French army wear their identification discs round their wrists. British soldiers wear them round their necks.

In the King's Hands

The appointing of field marshals in the British army is entirely in the hands of the King, promotions being made from the lists of general officers.

Mr. Alfred Pearce painted a tank in action for the King.

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